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Centenary Conference

The Little Theatre, The Old School, Skerries, Co. Dublin K34 K377

Conference Director: Gerard Shannon

Saturday 30 July 2022

Harry Boland and the GAA

Faughs GAA Club, Wellington Lane, Templeogue, Dublin D6W WF20

Sunday 31 July 2022

Centenary Commemoration

Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin D11 XA32

Monday (bank holiday) 1 August 2022

<https://bolandfamily.info/harry-boland-centenary/>

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Leo Whelan RHA (1892-1956)
Portrait of Harry Boland T.D.
Hanging in Taoiseach's Office,
alongside Michael Collins and Éamon de Valera.

Additional artefacts associated with Harry Boland are on long term loan to the Department of Foreign Affairs for public display at the Irish Embassy in Washington DC:

- Silver Cup presented to Harry Boland by the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic on 26 December 1921.
- Appointment Credentials as Special Envoy from the elected Government of the Irish Republic to the Government and people of the United States dated 30 April 1919. In English and Irish, both signed by Éamon de Valera as President of Dáil Éireann.
- 1919 Bachrach Studios, New York photo of Harry Boland.

The final stage in our centenary year journey was to donate to University College Cork our Archive of papers and documents associated with Harry Boland which passed down through the family over the past 100 years. These items were presented to UCC at their [Civil War Conference](#):

- **12.30pm on Friday 17th June at Aula Maxima, UCC**
- **Speaker: Dr Martin Mansergh, Deputy Chair, Expert Advisory Group on Commemorations.** Dr Mansergh commented on the relevance and value of the archive that we donated to UCC.



Replicas of our Harry Boland Silver Cup, generously funded by University College Cork, will be presented to Dublin GAA and to the Harry Boland Hurling Club, founded in Chicago in 1925.



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The Life and Times of Harry Boland

Derek Molyneux

Derek Molyneux is co-author of *Killing at its Very Extreme*, Dublin 1917 - 1920 (Mercier Press 2020), *When the Clock Struck in 1916* (The Collins Press 2015) and *Those of us Who Must Die* (The Collins Press 2017).

Boland Political Dynasty from 1860s through 1970s **Donnacha DeLong and Professor Stephen Kelly**

Donnacha DeLong is a journalist and trade unionist. He grew up in Dublin and now lives in London. Donnacha is a great grandnephew of Harry Boland and a great grandson of Gerry Boland.

Stephen Kelly is Professor of Modern Irish History and British-Irish Relations at Liverpool Hope University. Stephen is publishing a biography of Gerald Boland, brother of Harry Boland.

Perspectives and Discussion

Donal O'Donovan (great grandnephew) on piano: *The Foggy Dew*

11.30am *Tae nó caife agus comhrá.*
Opportunity to engage with [Dublin Brigade Irish Volunteers History Group](#) Exhibition and purchase speakers' books.

Noon **Revolutionary Women: Extraordinary Women during Extraordinary Times**

Context provided by extract from [Military History Testimony of Kathleen Boland](#), as recorded by daughter, Eileen Barrington.

Speakers:

Dr Margaret Ward and Lisa Connell

Dr Margaret Ward is Honorary Senior Lecturer in History at Queen's University, Belfast. She is a feminist historian, with a particular interest in the contribution of Irish women to political movements in the 20th century. Dr Ward has authored [Unmanageable Revolutionaries: Women and Irish Nationalism](#) (1995) and a biography of [Hanna Sheehy Skeffington: A Life \(1997\)](#), [Hanna Sheehy Skeffington: Suffragette and Sinn Féiner \(2017\)](#), and [Fearless Woman \(2019\)](#).

Lisa Connell is Assistant General Secretary at Fórsa Trade Union. Lisa, along with two friends, started and ran the Rosie Hackett Bridge Campaign where the campaign was successful in ensuring the newest bridge in Dublin, at the time, was called after trade unionist, socialist and founding member of the Irish Women's Workers Union, Rosie Hackett. Lisa is currently Co-Chair of the Countess Markievicz Summer School, which runs an annual summer school in Liberty Hall. Lisa is also the Chairperson of the Trade Union Section of the Labour Party.

Perspectives and Discussion

Donal O'Donovan (great grandnephew) on piano: *God Save Ireland*



1pm Lón agus comhrá.
Opportunity to engage with [Dublin Brigade Irish Volunteers History Group](#) Exhibition
and purchase speakers' books

2pm **Skerries and the Irish Revolution** **Gerard Shannon**

Gerard Shannon is a historian and resident of Skerries, Co. Dublin. He has an MA in History from DCU. Gerard is completing a biography on the IRA Chief-of-Staff, Liam Lynch, which will be published by Merrion Press in September 2022.

A Civil War Tragedy: The Hales Brothers **Liz Gillis**

Historian and author, Liz Gillis is from the Liberties. She has a Diploma in Classical Animation Studies and a Degree in Irish History. Liz is the author of six books about the Irish Revolution including, 'Women of the Irish Revolution', 'The Hales Brothers and the Irish Revolution' and co-wrote 'We Were There: 77 Women of the Easter Rising'. In 2018 Liz was a recipient of the Lord Mayor's Award for her contribution to history.

Harry Boland and the Civil War in Dublin **John Dorney**

John Dorney is an independent historian and chief editor and writer of [The Irish Story](#), the online Irish History resource. John completed a Masters Thesis on the 16th century Irish chieftain Florence McCarthy. In 2017, Dorney's second book, [The Irish Civil War in Dublin, the fight for the Irish capital 1922-1924](#) was published by Merrion Press to very positive reviews.

Perspectives and Discussion

Donal O'Donovan (great grandnephew) on piano: Mise Éire

4pm **Conclusion of Conference**

All attendees will receive a limited edition copy of
Invitation to Opening Session of First Dáil, signed by Harry Boland

Tickets for Harry Boland Centenary Conference, Skerries

Please apply on Eventbrite: [Harry Boland Centenary Conference Tickets](#)

Venue will accommodate a maximum of 120 people.
Consequently, we are obliged to allocate tickets on a first come, first served basis.



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Faughs GAA Club, Wellington Lane, Templeogue, Dublin D6W WF20

<https://faughs.ie/>



Clár an Lae

- 12.00 Official Opening of Faughs GAA Pitch with representatives from the Dublin County Board
Presentation of replica of Harry Boland Silver Cup to Dublin GAA for the Dublin Intermediate Hurling Championship. Generously funded by University College Cork.



Original was presented to Harry Boland by the New York Chapter of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic at the Hotel McAlpin on 26 December 1921, the eve of Harry's third and final departure from the US to return to Dublin to participate in the Treaty Debate at Dáil Éireann.

Now on display at Irish Embassy in Washington DC

- 12.15pm Faughs Minor Hurling v Camross, Laois
Halftime Faughs Juvenile Hurling and Camogie matches v Kevin's GAA
- 1.30pm Faughs Senior Adult Camogie v Skerries Harps
Halftime Faughs Juvenile Hurling and Camogie matches v Kevin's GAA
- 3.00pm Commemorative 1920 Match
Faughs Hurling (representing Dublin) v Harry Bolands, Chicago
Referee: Diarmuid O Loing, Bondi Gaels and Australasia CLG and great grandnephew of Harry Boland
- 4.00pm Club House Activities:
- Liz Gillis, Historian in Residence at SDCC & Cathy Scuffil, Historian in Residence at Dublin City Council will present items on display in Faughs Museum.
- Refreshments and Music Session in the Clubhouse



Monday (bank holiday) 1 August 2022

**Harry Boland Centenary Commemoration
Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin D11 XA32**

"It was a friend of my own that was in prison with me that fired the shot. I'll never tell the name and don't try to find out. I forgive him and I want no reprisals. I want to be buried in the grave with Cathal Brugha".

Deathbed wishes of Harry Boland, 1 August 1922, as recorded by his sister, Kathleen Boland

Noon **Harry Boland grave, Republican Plot**

Laying of wreaths

Forógra na Poblachta 1916 á aithris ag Gearóid Boland, nia mhór

Piper's lament: Wrap The Green Flag Around Me

Reflections:

- Éamon Ó Cuív T.D., will recite letter of condolence to Harry's mother, Kate Boland, written by his grandfather, Éamon De Valera, on hearing of the death of Harry
- Professor Cathal Brugha, grandson of Terence & Muriel MacSwiney and Cathal & Catriona Brugha will reflect upon the legacy of Harry Boland and Cathal Brugha
- Tribute to Kathleen Boland from her granddaughters and great granddaughters

Piper's lament: Harry's favourite, The Minstrel Boy

Harry Boland Centenary Oration: Gerard Shannon, Historian and biographer of Liam Lynch
Amhrán na bhFiann

1pm Lunch at Glasnevin Cemetery Visitor Centre

2pm **History Ireland Hedge School: The Life and Times of Harry Boland**
at Glasnevin Cemetery Visitor Centre. Podcast will be freely available.

Panellists:

Liz Gillis, Historian & author

Tim Crowley, Historian & founder of Michael Collins Heritage Centre, Clonakilty, Co. Cork

Éamon Ó Cuív T.D., grandson of Éamon De Valera

Donnacha DeLong, Historian, journalist & great grandnephew of Harry Boland

Tickets for Harry Boland Centenary Commemoration, Glasnevin Cemetery

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For Health & Safety reasons, attendance will be restricted.
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